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British Reported Set To Build World's First Nuclear Power Station

By the Associated Press

LONDON, Aug. 8.—The Daily Mail said today British atomic scientists are ready to begin building the world's first, nuclear power station.

All that is needed to get the project under way, the newspaper said, is approval of a government grant of £900,000 (\$2.5 million) to begin construction of the plant.

The Mail said the project would be entirely independent of coal supplies which now produce almost all of Britain's power. The plant will be located at Harwell, headquarters of government atomic research work.

The Mail quoted the Supply Ministry, which handles Britain's atomic research, as saying: "The work . . . will be conclusive this year. If successful, it will also foreshadow important advantages in the use of atomic energy for ship propulsion."

Research experts plan to use the atomic power plant at Harwell to provide energy to supply electricity for a housing center there, the Mail said. It added that a full-scale experimental plant should be operating within about four years.

A week ago the government's scientific advisory council reported that development of British atomic power stations to any substantial degree "is likely to take a generation at least."

Retained War Plants Save Billions, O'Mahoney Says

Senator O'Mahoney, Democrat, of Wyoming, said today that retention of World War II government plants and factories may have saved taxpayers more than \$2 billion.

Senator O'Mahoney is chairman of the Senate Appropriations subcommittee holding hearings on a \$60 billion military appropriations bill for operating the Defense Establishment during fiscal 1952.

The Senator said "some 40 per cent of peak capacity for production of ordnance and chemical supplies for the Army" was retained after World War II.

The plants, he added, originally cost \$2 billion.

Drug Flown From U. S. Helps Critically Ill Portuguese Girl

By the Associated Press

LISBON, Portugal, Aug. 8.—A 9-year-old Portuguese girl suffering from spinal meningitis appeared better today after the first injections of a drug flown from the United States yesterday in an effort to save her life.

Branca Maria Medina Santos regained her sight sufficiently to recognize a neighbor. She was able to eat and retain a meal.

An atmosphere of hope was restored in the small cottage in the seaside residential district of Oporto, where the drug, varidase, was received by grateful doctors and nurses.

Branca Maria's father had enlisted the aid of a radio amateur to broadcast his appeal for help. The message was picked up by Fred von Rekowsky of Glendale, N. Y., who informed the Long Island Press. The newspaper located the needed varidase and it was speeded across the Atlantic by plane relays.

The child's mother said: "Now we feel that our Lady of Fatima is with us since our prayers were heard—thanks to the generosity of the American people."

The attending doctor said it was too soon yet to make any statement. He added: "I found the girl brighter at noon today." He said 10 more bottles of the drug were needed.

Nuts Once Grew on Ferns

NEW YORK—Nuts, which today grow only on trees, a quarter of a billion years ago were borne only on ferns.

Belgium's 1951 'auto show at Brussels attracted 360 exhibitors from eight nations.

Hoover Says Red Menace Has Not Decreased in U. S.

By the Associated Press

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Aug. 8.—J. Edgar Hoover says Communist Party membership in the United States has decreased from 52,000 last year to 37,000 at present, but the danger has not decreased.

The director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation said in an interview yesterday that the remaining Communists in this country are more intensive and fanatical.

Mr. Hoover, in California for an annual physical checkup, pointed out that top leaders had been convicted of conspiracy to overthrow the Government by force and that second level leaders were arrested last week.

Third level Communist leaders in the United States soon will be rounded up, he added.

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